



Francis Figueroa retires as head of the AMTI Foundation

On Thursday afternoon, preceding the regularly scheduled networking sessions of the Aruba Management Training Institute (AMTI,) Roy Mezas, Managing Director welcomed special guests Vivian Loepstok of the Department of Economic Affairs and Edwin Roos of the Chamber of Commerce in honoring Francis Figueroa on the occasion of her retirement.

Francis is retiring as director of the government's Department of Human Resources, which made her the de facto head of the AMTI Foundation when it was begun in 1998 under the endorsement of the Minister of Economics at that time, Lilli Beke.

In her goodbye address, Ms. Figueroa expressed gratitude to many individuals that worked hard to make AMTI such a success that it became a self-sustaining entity in 2001. Over the years, AMTI has provided management training and guidance for numerous governmental agencies and private companies, improving the quality of service, teaching management skills, and encouraging initiative, professionalism and leadership. Their client list is an impressive "who's who" of Aruban and international companies doing business on the island.

In particular, Ms. Figueroa complemented the "AMTI Team" of Roy Mezas, Rene Leander, Cirilo Koolman and Martin Ras, and expressed her gratitude to Astrid Mueller, General Manager of the Divi Phoenix Resort, for her participation on the board.

It was a warm and special goodbye to Ms. Figueroa in the Frank Conway Room of the Casa Del Mar for her years of service to the island, and her special contributions to the success of AMTI for which all that worked with her in her capacity as director are appreciative. AMTI continues to provide training sessions, seminars and workshops and quality assurance programs, and for more information can be contacted at telephone # 588-0833 or visit their website: www.amti.org.